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State unemployment rate shows slight decline. Tennessee's unemployment rate for February stood at 7.0 percent, down just a bit from January's 7.1 percent. The number unemployed declined by 1,700 during the month while the number employed increased by 7,900. February 1979 saw an unemployment rate of 6.7 percent as unemployment hit 229,400 of the state's labor force of 1,926,000.

U. S. unemployment rate constant. The nation's unemployment rate remained at 6.8 percent during February. The unemployment rate for February 1979 was 6.4 percent.

Transportation leads CPI hike. The cost of transportation increased 2.6 percent during February to lead the major categories measured by the Consumer Price Index. The greatest increase over the past 12 months also occurred in transporation, which experienced a 22.5 percent hike. Overall, the CPI has risen to 236.4 and 236.5 for the All Urban Consumers and Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, respectively.

Slight increase in benefit check, trust fund decreases. The average benefit check for February was $75.28, an increase of $0.10 over January's average check. The trust fund, meanwhile, decreased by $5.7 million and now stands at $252.8 million.

Big reduction in initial claims. Initial claims over the state experienced a 60 percent reduction from January's historical high. Data for February shows 44,707 claims filed during the month, a decrease of almost 68,000 from the previous month. This reflects normal seasonal patterns.

Nashville area has lowest unemployment rate among state's SMSA's for '79. The Nashville SMSA, with an annual average unemployment rate of 4.3 percent, had the lowest rate among Tennessee SMSA's during 1979. Following were: Knoxville, 4.5 percent, Johnson City, 5.1 percent, Memphis, 5.2 percent, and Chattanooga, 5.8 percent.

Jackson, Williamson Counties show state's highest, lowest unemployment rates. Jackson County with a 14.2 percent annual average unemployment rate for 1979, had the highest figure among Tennessee's 95 counties. Williamson County, with 2.7 percent, had the lowest unemployment rate.

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STATEWIDE

EMPLOYMENT The number of Tennesseans employed during February increased by 7,900, reaching 1,830,700. Total nonagricultural employment lost 1,700 however. This reduction occurred as manufacturing gained 300 workers while the nonmanufacturing sector lost 2,000 employees. There were no very large increases or decreases among the durable goods industries. The biggest change occurred in electrical machinery, which lost 400. Nondurables had one industry show a sizeable increase as apparel gained 1,000 while the largest loss, 900, occurred in the chemical industry. Within the nonmanufacturing sector, the construction industry showed heavy losses with a reduction of 5,100 workers. Trade lost 2,400 during the month. Large gains came in government, 3,900, and services, 2,300.

OVER THE YEAR The number of employed Tennesseans increased by 33,700 over the year. Nonagricultural employment grew by 41,200 during the same period with almost the entire increase coming in the nonmanufacturing sector (39,300). With two exceptions every industry in the sector showed an annual gain. Services showed the largest increase with 17,700 more workers.

UNEMPLOYMENT The state's unemployment rate during February was 7.0 percent as 137,500 workers were without jobs. The previous month saw 139,200 unemployed for a rate of 7.1 percent. During February 1979 the unemployment rate was 6.4 percent with 123,400 out of work.

HOURS AND EARNINGS The Tennessee production worker saw little change in either the average weekly earnings or the average weekly hours for the month of February. In durable goods the average workweek decreased 0.1 hour and the average weekly earnings increased $4.19 to $243.39, while in nondurable goods, the average workweek increased 0.1 hour and the average weekly earnings decreased $1.38 to $225.01. The largest decrease was in rubber and plastic products where the average weekly earnings fell 3.8 percent, $263.71 to $253.50, and the average workweek decreased from 40.2 to 39.0 hours as a result of overtime cutbacks. The largest increase came in leather and leather products in which there was an increase in the average workweek, 37.9 to 40.8 hours, and a corresponding increase in the average weekly earnings, $178.51 to $190.13 (6.5 percent). Average weekly earnings for the state rose $1.18 as a result of the $.03 increase in hourly pay. The level was $19.85 greater than that of one year ago.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Changes From: Jan. 1980 Net	Jan. 1980 %	Feb. 1979 Net	Feb. 1979 %
Civilian Labor Force	1,968.2	1,962.0	1,930.4	+6.2	+0.3	+37.8	+2.0
Employment 1/	1,830.7	1,822.8	1,797.0	+7.9	+0.4	+33.7	+1.9
Unemployment	137.5	139.2	133.4	-1.7	-1.2	+4.1	+3.1
Percent of Labor Force	7.0	7.1	6.9	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
U. S. Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.3	6.0	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
All Manufacturing	$235.44	$232.26	$211.39	39.5	39.5	39.7	$5.91	$5.88	$5.36
Durable Goods	243.39	239.20	224.22	39.9	40.0	40.4	6.10	5.98	5.55
Lumber and Wood Products	172.42	171.38	154.91	37.8	38.0	37.6	4.66	4.51	4.12
Furniture and Fixtures	177.80	175.15	161.83	37.5	37.2	38.1	4.75	4.66	4.30
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	302.61	296.62	249.54	39.1	39.6	40.6	7.76	7.49	7.21
Primary Metal Products	329.51	323.60	309.10	39.7	40.0	42.4	8.30	8.09	7.29
Fab. Metal Products	260.21	259.37	232.76	41.7	41.7	40.2	6.24	6.22	5.79
Machinery, Including Elec.	231.74	236.40	218.02	40.5	40.9	40.6	5.87	5.78	5.37
Instru. & Related Products	197.87	202.95	190.08	40.3	41.0	39.6	4.91	4.95	4.80
Nondurable Goods	225.01	226.39	206.62	39.2	39.1	39.2	5.74	5.79	5.22
Food & Kindred Products	252.76	245.43	218.90	40.5	40.1	39.8	6.12	6.09	5.50
Textile Mill Products	192.23	192.17	169.49	40.9	40.8	39.6	4.70	4.71	4.28
Apparel	155.30	157.18	144.87	36.2	36.8	36.4	4.29	4.30	3.98
Paper & Allied Prod.	298.87	296.31	270.16	41.8	41.5	41.5	7.15	7.14	6.51
Chemical & Allied Prod.	316.68	315.15	280.70	40.6	40.3	40.8	7.80	7.82	6.88
Rubber and Plastic Prod.	253.50	263.71	234.84	39.0	40.2	41.2	6.50	6.56	5.70
Leather and Leather Prod.	190.13	178.51	168.87	40.8	37.9	39.0	4.66	4.71	4.33

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Feb. 1980	TOTAL Jan. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Feb. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Jan. 1980	NON-WHITE Feb. 1980	NON-WHITE Jan. 1980	VETERAN Feb. 1980	VETERAN Jan. 1980
New Applications	17,138	20,516	6,462	7,111	6,667	5,139	2,193	2,694
Testing	2,902	3,488	644	847	667	765	236	307
Enrolled in Training	316	316	295	316	116	194	21	48
Nonagricultural Placement	5,061	7,127	1,830	2,802	1,766	1,615	1,231	1,277
Counseling	2,659	2,973	1,720	1,822	862	952	499	535

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Net Change Jan. 1980 To Feb. 1980	Feb. 1979 To Feb. 1980
TOTAL	1,735.9	1,737.6	1,734.7	-1.7	+1.2
Manufacturing	525.7	525.4	521.8	+0.3	+ 3.9
Durable Goods	236.4	236.3	238.6	+0.1	- 2.2
Lumber	20.6	20.5	19.8	+0.1	+ 0.8
Furniture & Fixtures	23.7	23.9	25.4	-0.2	- 1.7
Stone, Clay & Glass	16.3	16.5	16.4	-0.2	- 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	20.3	20.0	20.8	+0.3	- 0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	33.5	33.5	33.7	0	- 0.2
Nonelectrical Machinery	35.8	35.8	36.0	0	- 0.2
Electrical Machinery	39.6	40.0	41.2	-0.4	- 1.6
Transportation Equipment	27.4	27.1	26.8	+0.3	+ 0.6
Precision Instr. & Ordnance	7.2	7.3	7.2	-0.1	- 0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	12.0	11.7	11.3	+0.3	+ 0.7
Nondurable Goods	289.3	289.1	285.2	+0.2	+ 4.1
Food Products	19.6	19.1	19.0	+0.5	+ 0.6
Meat Products	6.1	6.0	5.8	+0.1	+ 0.3
Dairy Products	4.2	4.2	4.0	0	+ 0.2
Tobacco	1.5	1.5	1.7	-0.2	- 0.1
Textile Mills	26.6	26.6	28.1	0	- 1.5
Knitting Mills	12.1	12.0	13.0	+0.1	- 0.9
Yarn & Thread Mills	2.6	2.5	2.5	+0.1	- 0.1
Apparel	70.4	69.4	69.1	+1.0	+ 1.3
Paper	18.3	18.3	18.2	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	27.6	27.7	26.6	-0.2	+ 0.9
Chemicals	57.9	58.8	57.9	-0.9	0
Ind. Inorganic & Organic Chem.	22.7	23.2	22.5	-0.4	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining, Etc.	.6	.6	.6	-0.2	- 0.2
Rubber	25.8	26.0	23.8	-0.2	+ 2.0
Leather	21.2	20.8	20.2	+0.4	+ 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	1,250.4	1,252.2	1,210.9	-2.0	+39.3
Mining	10.1	10.3	10.4	-0.2	- 0.3
Construction	80.2	85.3	74.9	-5.1	+ 5.3
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Utilities	85.9	85.8	84.4	+0.1	+ 1.5
Trade	184.1	186.5	175.2	-2.4	+ 8.9
Wholesale Trade	111.8	111.2	108.0	+0.6	+ 3.8
Wholesale Durable Goods	65.4	65.6	64.6	-0.2	+ 0.8
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	46.4	45.6	43.4	+0.8	+ 3.0
Retail Trade	272.3	275.3	267.2	-3.0	+ 5.1
Retail Gen. Merchandise	18.5	19.3	19.2	-0.8	- 0.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	76.6	77.2	75.8	-0.6	+ 0.8
Banking	25.9	25.9	25.0	0	+ 0.9
Insurance Carriers	20.0	20.0	19.3	0	+ 0.7
Services	290.1	287.8	272.4	+2.3	+17.7
Government	323.2	319.1	317.6	+4.1	+ 5.6
Federal	76.5	74.8	74.3	+1.7	+ 2.2
State and Local	246.7	244.3	243.3	+2.4	+ 3.4

CHATTANOOGA SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salare employment in the Chattanooga SMSA experienced a seasonal decrease of 500 between mid-January and mid-February. Mining, contract construction and retail trade accounted for the majority of the employment drop. Call backs and new hires in food products and textile mills gave manufacturing employment an over all increase of 100 between months. The present level of nonagricultural wage and salary employment stands at 175,300 in the area.

OVER THE YEAR Nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased by 700 or 0.4 percent. The increase is from an overall employment gain of 2,800 in nonmanufacturing, which more than offset the loss of 2,100 in manufacturing employment. Fabricated metal products, textile mill products and chemicals suffered the brunt of the employment drop in manufacturing, while transportation, communication, and public utilities, services and government led the way for the overall gain. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment a year ago was 174,600 in the Chattanooga SMSA.

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment in the Chattanooga SMSA reached 13,400 during February, giving the area a rate of 6.9 percent. This was a slight increase over the previous month's 13,100, or 6.8 percent unemployed. During February 1979 there were only 10,600, or 5.7 percent unemployed.

HOURS AND EARNINGS There was a decline of $0.83 in the average weekly earnings for the Chattanooga production worker, putting the figure at $239.62, while the average weekly hours remained unchanged over the month at 41.6. Durable goods showed a decrease in the average weekly earnings, from $263.36 to $261.84, with a corresponding decrease in the average weekly hours, from 41.8 to 40.7. Iron and steel foundries showed the largest drop (8.5 percent) from $263.45 to $242.14 for the average weekly earnings and from 41.1 to 37.6 for the average weekly hours. Nondurable goods showed increases for both categories, increasing from $217.35 to $222.18 and from 41.4 to 42.4. The largest increase came in chemical and allied products which increased from $296.91 to $305.45 for the average weekly earnings. and from 39.8 to 41.0 for the average weekly hours.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Changes From: Jan. 1980 Net	Jan. 1980 %	Feb. 1979 Net	Feb. 1979 %
Civilian Labor Force	191.7	191.2	186.2	+0.5	+0.3	+5.5	+3.0
Unemployment	13.4	13.1	10.6	+0.3	+2.3	+2.8	+26.4
Percent of Labor Force	6.9	6.8	5.7	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	180.3	180.1	175.6	+0.2	+0.1	+4.7	+2.7

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
All Manufacturing	$239.62	$240.45	$216.41	41.6	41.6	40.3	$5.76	$5.78	$5.37
Durable Goods	261.84	263.36	235.62	40.7	41.8	39.6	6.43	6.42	5.95
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	262.84	264.54	235.60	40.5	39.9	38.0	6.49	6.63	6.20
Iron & Steel Foundries	242.14	263.45	255.55	37.6	41.1	42.1	6.44	6.41	6.07
Fabricated Metal Products	311.74	311.22	264.85	41.9	42.4	38.9	7.44	7.34	6.80
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	305.92	307.09	262.10	44.4	44.3	42.4	6.89	6.93	6.21
Nondurable Goods	222.18	217.35	200.82	42.4	41.4	40.9	5.24	5.25	4.91
Textile Mill Products	207.02	204.30	175.97	45.7	45.3	47.2	4.53	4.51	4.17
Knitting Mills	159.00	158.91	139.45	38.5	38.2	41	4.13	4.16	3.66
Paper and Allied Products	282.30	291.09	269.93	43.7	45.2	44.4	6.46	6.44	6.08
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	305.45	296.91	290.61	41.0	39.8	42.8	7.45	7.46	6.76

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Feb. 1980	TOTAL Jan. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Feb. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Jan. 1980	NON-WHITE Feb. 1980	NON-WHITE Jan. 1980	VETERAN Feb. 1980	VETERAN Jan. 1980
New Applications	1,763	1,956	715	691	345	383	264	291
Testing	177	195	81	75	75	86	20	29
Enrolled in Training	54	59	32	51	16	42	5	5
Nonagricultural Placement	455	460	263	228	111	97	86	80
Counseling	166	210	108	149	68	111	27	39

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Net Change: Jan. '80 to Feb. '80	Net Change: Feb. '79 to Feb. '80
TOTAL	175.3	175.8	174.6	-.5	+.7
Manufacturing	53.4	53.5	55.5	+.1	-2.1
Durable Goods	23.7	23.4	25.2	-.2	-1.5
Lumber (except furniture)	.9	.9	.8	0	+.1
Stone, Clay and Glass	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	-.2
Primary Metals	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	-.2
Fabricated Metal Prod	7.3	7.3	8.4	-.1	-1.2
Machinery (except elec.)	3.5	3.6	3.5	-.1	0
All Other	5.0	5.0	5.2	0	-.2
Nondurable Goods	30.2	29.9	30.8	+.1	-.6
Food Products	5.2	5.0	4.9	+.2	+.3
Textile Mill Products	13.4	13.3	13.9	+.1	-.5
Knitting Mills	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	-.2
Apparel	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+.1
Paper Products	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+.1
Printing and Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+.1
Chemicals	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
All Other	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Nonmanufacturing	121.4	122.0	118.6	-.6	+2.8
Mining	3.2	3.1	3.2	+.1	0
Construction	6.8	6.8	6.8	0	-.2
Trans., Comm., and Pub. Uti.	7.2	7.2	6.6	0	+.6
Trade	32.5	32.8	33.0	-.3	-.5
Wholesale Trade	9.1	8.7	8.6	0	+.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.1	0	+.1
Retail Trade	23.8	24.1	24.4	-.1	-.6
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	10.0	10.0	9.8	0	+.2
Service	28.9	28.8	28.2	+.1	+.7
Government	33.8	33.1	33.0	+.1	+2.0
Federal	8.1	8.4	8.7	-.1	-.4
State and Local	25.7	25.7	25.3	0	+2.4

Includes Hamilton, Marion, Sequatchie Counties, Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, Walker Counties, Georgia.

KNOXVILLE SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Knoxville SMSA diminished by 600 from mid-January to mid-February. This loss was evenly divided between the manufacturing and the nonmanufacturing sectors with each dropping 300. Trade, which lost 600, was the biggest loser over the month while government showed the largest gain (400).

OVER THE YEAR During the past 12 months nonagricultural employment has decreased by 1,300. The manufacturing sector was responsible for this overall loss as it dropped 1,600. The apparel industry was by far the biggest loser with a reduction of 1,500 workers. Consequently, durable goods industries accounted for the overall drop in manufacturing employment. The nonmanufacturing sector showed a gain of 300 during the year with the largest increase occurring in service, 700, and the biggest loss occurring in trade, 500.

UNEMPLOYMENT The area's unemployment rate dropped to 5.5 percent during February as 11,100 workers were unemployed. This was a decline from January's 12,500 unemployed and 6.1 percent unemployment rate. During February 1979 there were 9,100 unemployed for a rate of 4.4 percent.

HOURS AND EARNINGS The average weekly earnings for Knoxville production workers increased $1.33 ($273.64 to $274.97), while the average weekly hours decreased 0.1 hour to 40.2. Durable goods showed little change as did nondurable goods, with the average weekly earnings changing from $304.22 to $304.84 for the former and from $256.56 to $257.75 for the latter. The average weekly hours for nondurable goods stayed the same, while durable goods showed a slight decrease, 41.0 to 40.7. On the published level there were few changes, but stone, clay, and glass, and apparel showed declines. Stone, clay and glass decreased from $296.59 to $282.07 and apparel decreased from $186.73 to $180.16 in average weekly earnings. Both industries also showed decreases in the average weekly hours, from 44.6 to 42.1 and from 37.8 to 37.3 hours, respectively.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Changes From: Jan. 1980 Net	Jan. 1980 %	Feb. 1979 Net	Feb. 1979 %
Civilian Labor Force	202.3	203.3	204.7	-1.0	-0.5	-2.4	-1.2
Unemployment	11.1	12.5	9.1	-1.4	-11.2	+2.0	+22.0
Percent of Labor Force	5.5	6.1	4.4	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	191.2	190.8	195.6	+0.4	+0.2	+4.4	+2.1

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
All Manufacturing	$274.97	$273.64	$256.85	40.2	40.3	40.2	$6.84	$6.79	$6.24
Durable Goods	304.84	304.22	285.18	40.7	41.0	42.0	7.49	7.42	6.79
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	282.07	296.59	256.96	42.1	44.6	39.9	6.70	6.65	6.44
Machinery, Exc. Elect.	231.90	232.56	243.18	40.4	40.8	42.0	5.74	5.70	5.79
Nondurable Goods	257.75	256.56	232.46	39.9	39.9	39.2	6.46	6.43	5.93
Food and Kindred Prod.	219.28	220.09	204.11	45.4	45.1	43.8	4.83	4.88	4.66
Textile Mill Products	180.04	179.93	159.60	41.2	40.8	40.1	4.37	4.41	3.98
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	180.16	186.73	175.43	37.3	37.8	36.7	4.83	4.94	4.78

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Feb. 1980	TOTAL Jan. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Feb. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Jan. 1980	NON-WHITE Feb. 1980	NON-WHITE Jan. 1980	VETERAN Feb. 1980	VETERAN Jan. 1980
New Applications	1,147	1,731	359	550	109	227	220	284
Testing	160	332	67	180	47	97	28	56
Enrolled in Training	23	82	20	76	10	35	3	5
Nonagricultural Placement	719	877	223	376	80	168	190	181
Counseling	228	320	112	152	36	52	59	83

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Net Change Jan. 1980	Net Change Feb. 1979
TOTAL	193.2	193.8	194.5	- .6	-1.3
Manufacturing	52.2	52.5	53.8	- .3	-1.6
Durable Goods	15.6	15.5	15.6	+ .1	0
Lumber (except furniture)	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- .2
Furniture and Fixtures	.5	.5	.6	0	- .1
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Machinery (except elec.)	2.5	2.5	2.4	0	+ .1
All Other	10.1	10.0	9.9	+ .1	+ .2
Nondurable Goods	36.6	37.0	38.2	- .4	-1.6
Food Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Textile Mill Products	2.5	2.6	2.9	- .1	- .4
Apparel	7.5	7.6	9.0	- .1	-1.5
Printing and Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
All Other	20.3	20.5	20.0	- .2	+ .3
Nonmanufacturing	141.0	141.3	140.7	- .3	+ .3
Mining	1.6	1.3	1.6	+ .3	0
Construction	10.7	11.0	11.1	- .3	- .4
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Util.	7.9	7.9	7.9	0	0
Trade	40.4	40.8	40.7	- .6	- .5
Wholesale	10.4	10.5	10.7	- .1	- .3
Wholesale Durable Goods	6.5	6.6	6.7	- .1	- .2
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	3.9	3.9	4.0	0	- .1
Retail	29.8	30.3	30.0	- .5	- .2
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8.0	8.1	7.9	- .1	+ .1
Service	30.0	30.0	29.3	0	+ .7
Government	42.6	42.2	42.2	+ .4	+ .4
Federal	9.1	9.1	9.0	0	+ .1
State & Local	33.5	33.1	33.2	+ .4	+ .3

Includes Anderson, Blount, Knox and Union Counties, Tennessee and all of Oak Ridge.

MEMPHIS SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Memphis SMSA was 356,500 in February 1980; a decrease of 1,400 from January. A large part of the loss was due to a seasonal decrease in retail trade. The manufacturing sector was relatively stable with four industries losing 100 workers each and all other industries remaining unchanged.

OVER THE YEAR Compared to February 1979, nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 1,600 higher in February 1980. An increase of 5,200 in the nonmanufacturing sector was partially offset by a decrease of 3,600 in the manufacturing sector. Workers on strike accounted for 2,000 of the loss in manufacturing. There were no strikes in progress in February 1979. Permanent plant closings accounted for the loss of 800 in the food products industry.

UNEMPLOYMENT In February 1980, an estimated 22,600 persons were unemployed; an increase of 300 over January. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to February 1979, the number of unemployed persons for February 1979 of this year, was 1,600 higher. The unemployment rate in February 1980 was 5.6 percent of the civilian labor force.

HOURS AND EARNINGS The Memphis production worker saw an average of $1.95 a week less for the month of February and worked an average of 0.3 hour less. Durable goods decreased in both average weekly hours and average weekly earnings; 40.5 to 38.8 for the former and $235.71 to $223.49 for the latter. Lumber and wood products decreased 3.6 percent ($179.21 to $172.75) in average weekly earnings, probably due to a shorter average workweek (39.3 to 37.8 hours). Nondurable goods showed a slight increase in the average weekly earnings ($280.28 to $282.96) which corresponded to a slight increase in the average weekly hours (39.2 to 39.3 hours). Food and kindred products showed the largest increases for Memphis industries on the published level. The average weekly earnings for food increased from $288.05 to $301.29 while the average workweek increased 1.0 hour to 41.8 as a result of wage rate increases and overtime.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

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	February 1980	January 1980	February 1979	Changes From: January 1980 Net	January 1980 %	February 1979 Net	February 1979 %
Civilian Labor Force	381.1	379.4	374.0	+1.9	+0.5	+7.3	+2.0
Unemployment	22.6	22.3	21.0	+0.3	+1.3	+1.6	+7.6
Percent of Labor Force	5.9	5.9	5.6	–	–	–	–
Total Employment	358.7	357.1	353.0	+1.6	+4.5	+5.7	+1.6

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

February 1980: 2005
January 1980 : 1815
February 1979: 0

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

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	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
All Manufacturing	$236.75	$258.70	$239.40	39.5	39.8	40.1	$6.50	$6.50	$5.97
Durable Goods	223.49	235.71	222.56	38.8	40.5	40.1	5.76	5.82	5.55
Lumber and Wood Products	172.75	179.21	156.03	37.8	39.3	36.5	4.57	4.56	4.22
Furniture and Fixtures	156.31	152.25	146.31	38.5	37.5	38.2	4.06	4.06	3.83
Nondurable Goods	282.96	280.28	255.67	39.3	39.2	40.2	7.20	7.15	6.36
Food and Kindred Products	301.38	288.05	259.40	41.8	40.8	38.8	7.21	7.06	6.17
Paper and Allied Products	301.29	306.81	264.59	41.5	41.8	41.8	7.26	7.34	6.33
Chemicals and Allied Prod.	298.28	299.38	293.49	37.1	37.8	44.2	8.04	7.92	6.64

MONTHLY REPORT ON LABOR TURNOVER RATES

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	ACCESSION RATES TOTAL Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	NEW HIRES Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	SEPARATION RATES TOTAL Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	QUITS Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	LAYOFFS Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980
All Manufacturing	2.5	2.8	1.6	1.6	3.3	2.8	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.2
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.1	2.1	3.9	3.5	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.5
Lumber	2.5	3.5	1.6	3.1	2.4	3.7	1.4	1.7	0.2	0.9
Furniture	4.8	4.0	4.2	2.8	5.2	2.5	4.0	1.6	0.2	*
Nonelectric Machinery	3.2	1.9	2.7	1.8	2.5	2.3	1.3	1.7	0.7	0.3
Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.8	1.1	1.2	2.8	2.3	0.8	0.7	1.2	0.9
Food	1.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.9	1.9	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.5
Paper	1.3	6.6	0.8	1.1	1.9	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	*
Chemicals	1.1	1.6	0.5	0.9	1.5	1.5	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.3

1/Preliminary
*Less than 0.1

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

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INDUSTRY	February 1980	January 1980	February 1979	Net Change January 1980	Net Change February 1979
TOTAL	356.5	357.9	354.9	-1.4	+1.6
Manufacturing	59.5	59.9	63.1	-0.4	-3.6
Durable Goods	26.4	26.5	27.7	-0.1	-1.3
Lumber (except furniture)	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	-0.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+0.1
Nonelectrical Machinery	4.4	4.4	6.0	0	-1.6
Electrical Machinery	2.8	2.8	2.4	0	+0.4
All Other	7.1	7.2	7.1	-0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	33.1	33.4	35.4	-0.3	-2.3
Food Products	9.6	9.6	10.4	0	-0.8
Bakery Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	-0.2
Apparel	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	-0.1
Paper Products	5.9	6.0	6.5	-0.1	-0.6
Printing and Publishing	3.8	3.9	3.9	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals	6.4	6.4	6.4	0	0
All Other	5.4	5.5	5.1	-0.1	-0.7
Nonmanufacturing	297.0	298.0	291.8	-1.0	+5.2
Mining	0.2	0.1	0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Construction	15.4	15.5	14.2	-0.1	+1.2
Trans., Comm. and Pub. Util.	26.9	27.0	26.6	-0.1	+0.3
Trade	96.1	96.9	95.4	-0.8	+0.7
Wholesale	32.7	32.7	32.2	0	+0.5
Wholesale Durable Goods	20.2	20.2	20.1	0	+0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	12.5	12.5	12.1	0	+0.4
Retail	63.4	64.2	63.2	-0.8	+0.2
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	19.7	19.8	19.1	-0.1	+0.6
Service	71.1	71.2	69.0	-0.1	+2.1
Government	67.6	67.5	67.4	+0.1	+0.2
Federal	17.3	17.2	16.9	+0.1	+0.4
State & Local	50.3	50.3	50.5	0	-0.2

Includes Shelby and Tipton Counties, Tennessee and Crittenden County, Arkansas

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

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	TOTAL Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	NON-WHITE Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	VETERAN Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980
New Applications	2,090	3,879	1,704	2,351	1,622	2,496	181	442
Testing	253	710	92	184	157	371	26	84
Enrolled in Training	42	70	40	66	34	64	0	2
Nonagricultural Placement	596	957	417	382	459	568	117	221
Counseling	204	442	168	319	180	334	18	51

NASHVILLE SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural employment in the Nashville SMSA declined by 600 between mid-January and mid-February. The manufacturing sector gained 100 workers while nonmanufacturing industries lost 700 employees. There was little activity in manufacturing as no single industry showed either an increase or decrease greater than 100. Overall, however, durable goods industries lost 300. Trade, which lost 700, was the single largest cause of the reduction in the nonmanufacturing sector.

OVER THE YEAR From February 1979 to February 1980, nonagricultural employment in the Nashville SMSA increased by 9,900. This increase was attributable to a gain of 11,400 in the nonmanufacturing sector compared to the 1,500 decrease among the manufacturing industries. Industries showing the greatest increases over the last 12 months include service and miscellaneous, 6,400, government, 2,400, and construction, 2,300. The largest loss over the year came in trade, 1,700.

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment in the Nashville area dropped to 4.7 percent during February as unemployment stood at 19,300. This was a drop from the previous month's rate of 5.3 percent with 21,400 unemployed. February 1979 saw 16,600 out of work with an unemployment rate of 4.2 percent.

HOURS AND EARNINGS The Nashville production workers saw a $4.73 increase in the average weekly earnings for February ($246.27) while the average workweek increased 0.2 hour to 38.6 hours. Durable goods increased in average weekly earnings ($244.67 to $251.75) and in average weekly hours (37.7 to 37.8 hours). Nondurable goods showed a slight increase in the average weekly earnings and the average weekly hours, $238.16 to $239.18 and 39.3 to 39.6, respectively. On the published level, food and kindred products showed an increase in the average weekly earnings, ($269.95 to $275.32) while the average weekly hours also increased (38.4 to 39.5 hours). Printing and publishing showed a decrease in the average workweek (39.0 to 38.2 hours) and a corresponding decrease in the average weekly earnings ($259.74 to $256.32) as a result of a shorter scheduled workweek.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Changes From: Jan. 1980 Net	Jan. 1980 %	Feb. 1979 Net	Feb. 1979 %
Civilian Labor Force	408.0	407.6	396.9	+0.4	+0.1	+11.1	+2.8
Employment 1/	388.7	386.2	380.3	+2.5	+0.6	+ 8.4	+2.2
Unemployment	19.3	21.4	16.6	-2.1	-9.8	+ 2.7	+16.3
Percent of Labor Force	4.7	5.3	4.2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
U. S. Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.8	6.4	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-mangement disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
All Manufacturing	$246.27	$241.54	$232.06	38.6	38.4	39.6	$6.38	$6.29	$5.86
Durable Goods	251.75	244.67	247.20	37.8	37.7	40.0	6.66	6.49	6.18
Nondurable Goods	239.18	238.16	215.52	39.6	39.3	39.4	6.04	6.06	5.47
Food and Kindred Products	275.32	269.95	238.32	39.5	38.4	38.5	6.97	7.03	6.19
Printing and Publishing	256.32	259.74	237.93	38.2	39.0	38.5	6.71	6.66	6.18

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Feb. 1980	TOTAL Jan. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Feb. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Jan. 1980	NON-WHITE Feb. 1980	NON-WHITE Jan. 1980	VETERAN Feb. 1980	VETERAN Jan. 1980
New Applications	3,589	4,171	1,100	1,200	874	1,139	476	509
Testing	258	300	93	45	75	75	72	18
Enrolled in Training	47	53	43	40	23	25	4	9
Nonagricultural Placement	1,207	1,269	411	381	338	313	260	219
Counseling	655	617	357	298	225	242	170	143

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Net Change Jan. '80 To Feb. '80	Net Change Feb. '79 To Feb. '80
TOTAL	366.0	366.6	356.1	-0.6	+ 9.9
Manufacturing	82.2	82.1	83.7	+0.1	- 1.5
Durable Goods	42.2	41.8	42.8	+0.4	- 0.6
Lumber (except furniture)	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	3.8	3.7	3.8	+0.1	0
Fabricated Metal Products	6.8	6.7	6.9	+0.1	- 0.1
Machinery	11.1	11.1	11.8	0	- 0.7
Transportation	9.6	9.5	9.8	+0.1	- 0.2
All Other	9.2	9.1	8.6	+0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	40.0	40.3	40.9	-0.3	- 0.9
Food Products	6.5	6.6	6.5	-0.1	0
Textile Mill Products	1.2	1.3	1.4	-0.1	- 0.2
Apparel	5.3	5.3	5.4	0	- 0.1
Printing and Publishing	11.2	11.3	10.8	-0.1	+ 0.4
Petroleum and Rubber	4.3	4.2	4.5	+0.1	- 0.2
Leather	4.6	4.6	5.0	0	- 0.4
All Other	6.9	7.0	7.3	-0.1	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	283.8	284.5	272.4	-0.7	+11.4
Construction	20.2	20.5	17.9	-0.3	+ 2.3
Trans., Comm. & Public Util.	22.1	22.1	21.3	0	+ 0.8
Trade	80.5	81.2	82.2	-0.7	- 1.7
Wholesale	24.0	24.0	24.2	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Durable Goods	15.9	16.0	15.7	-0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.0	8.5	+0.1	- 0.4
Retail	56.5	57.2	58.0	-0.7	- 1.5
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	24.4	24.4	23.2	0	+ 1.2
Service and Miscellaneous	72.0	72.0	65.6	0	+ 6.4
Government	64.6	64.3	62.2	+0.3	+ 2.4
Federal	8.5	8.4	8.5	+0.1	0
State and Local	56.1	55.9	53.7	+0.2	+ 2.4

TRI-CITIES SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Tri-Cities SMSA increased by 100 over the past month. Industries within the manufacturing sector, which lost 100 during the period, were stable with none showing a change greater than 100. The nonmanufacturing sector, which netted an increase of 200, showed more substantial changes including an increase of 1,200 in government and a decrease of 700 in construction and 600 in trade.

OVER THE YEAR During the past year total nonagricultural employment in the area has increased 1,500. Manufacturing industries dropped 1,200 during the period as furniture and fixtures lost 900. The nonmanufacturing sector, however, gained 2,700. Government, 1,600, and services, 800, showed the largest gains. The trade industry was mixed as wholesale trade gained 400 during the year while retail trade lost 500.

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment as of mid-February was 10,800 or 6.3 percent of a labor force of 171,900, compared with 10,900 or 6.4 percent of a labor force of 170,300 as of mid-January. One year ago unemployment was 11,600 or 6.8 percent of a labor force of 170,000.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	Feb. 19[illegible]	Jan. 19[illegible]	Feb. 1979	Changes From: Jan. 19[illegible] Net	%	Feb. 1979 Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	171.9	170.3	170.0	+ 1.6	+ .9	+ 1.9	+ 1.1
Unemployment	10.8	10.9	11.6	- .1	- .9	- .8	- 6.9
Percent of Labor Force	6.3	6.4	6.8				
Total Employment	161.1	159.4	158.4	+ 1.7	+ 1.1	+ 2.7	+ 1.7

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	Feb. 19[illegible]	Jan. 19[illegible]	Feb. 1979	Net Change Jan. 19[illegible]	Feb. 1979
TOTAL	134.2	134.1	132.7	+ .1	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	53.8	53.7	54.8	- .1	- 1.2
Durable Goods	20.8	21.1	21.7	- .3	- .9
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	1.8	1.9	2.7	- .1	- .9
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.9	2.0	2.1	- .1	- .2
Primary Metals & Fabricated Metal Products	6.1	6.1	5.9	0	+ .2
All Other Durable Goods	11.0	11.1	11.0	- .1	0
Nondurable Goods	32.8	32.6	33.1	+ .2	- .3
Food Products	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	- .3
Textile Mill Products	2.8	2.8	3.1	0	- .3
Apparel	4.3	4.4	4.2	- .1	+ .1
Paper & Allied Products and Printing & Publishing	6.2	6.2	6.4	0	- .2
All Other Nondurable Goods	16.3	16.2	16.1	+ .1	+ .2
Nonmanufacturing	80.4	80.4	77.9	+ .2	+ 2.7
Construction	6.1	6.8	6.2	- .7	- .1
Trans., Comm., & Public Util.	6.0	6.0	5.9	0	+ .1
Trade	24.0	24.6	24.1	- .6	- .1
Wholesale	5.9	5.9	5.5	0	+ .4
Retail	18.1	18.7	18.6	- .6	- .5
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	4.4	4.2	4.0	+ .2	+ .4
Services	16.8	16.7	16.0	+ .1	+ .8
Government	23.0	21.8	21.4	+ 1.2	+ 1.6
All Other Nonmanufacturing	.3	.3	.3	0	0

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington and Scott Counties and Bristol City in Virginia.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Feb. 1980	TOTAL Jan. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Feb. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Jan. 1980	NON-WHITE Feb. 1980	NON-WHITE Jan. 1980	VETERAN Feb. 1980	VETERAN Jan. 1980
New Applications	956	1,395	276	448	39	46	169	251
Testing	130	274	29	73	3	16	15	36
Enrolled in Training	9	71	4	62	1	4	0	8
Nonagricultural Placement	418	541	134	252	28	26	110	126
Counseling	33	76	25	55	3	4	5	13

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	TENNESSEE PORTION Feb. 1980	TENNESSEE PORTION Jan. 1980	TENNESSEE PORTION Feb. 1979	VIRGINIA PORTION Feb. 1980	VIRGINIA PORTION Jan. 1980	VIRGINIA PORTION Feb. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	133.5	132.4	131.8	38.4	37.9	38.2
Unemployment	8.3	8.5	8.6	2.5	2.4	3.0
Percent of Labor Force	6.2	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.3	7.9
Total Employment	125.2	123.9	123.2	35.9	35.5	35.2

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	TENNESSEE PORTION Feb. 1980	TENNESSEE PORTION Jan. 1980	TENNESSEE PORTION Feb. 1979	VIRGINIA PORTION Feb. 1980	VIRGINIA PORTION Jan. 1980	VIRGINIA PORTION Feb. 1979
TOTAL	106.4	106.0	104.9	27.8	28.1	27.8
Manufacturing	44.0	44.0	44.9	9.8	9.7	9.9
Durable Goods	15.7	16.0	16.2	5.1	5.1	5.5
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	1.3	1.4	2.1	.5	.5	.6
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.6	1.7	1.8	.3	.3	.3
Primary Metals and Fabricated Metal Products	3.8	3.8	3.6	2.3	2.3	2.3
All Other Durable Goods	9.0	9.1	8.7	2.0	2.0	2.3
Nondurable Goods	28.3	28.0	28.7	4.5	4.6	4.4
Food Products	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6
Textile Mill Products	2.6	2.6	2.9	.2	.2	.2
Apparel	2.7	2.6	2.5	1.8	1.8	1.7
Paper & Allied Products and Printing & Publishing	5.7	5.7	5.9	.5	.5	.5
All Other Nondurable Goods	15.9	15.7	15.7	.4	.5	.4
Nonmanufacturing	62.4	62.0	60.0	18.0	18.4	17.9
Construction	4.9	5.6	5.1	1.2	1.2	1.1
Trans., Comm., & Public Util.	4.9	4.9	4.8	1.1	1.1	1.1
Trade	17.5	17.9	17.4	6.5	6.7	6.7
Wholesale	4.1	4.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	1.7
Retail	13.4	13.8	13.6	4.7	4.9	5.0
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	3.4	3.3	3.1	1.0	.9	.9
Services	13.6	13.5	12.8	2.6	3.0	3.2
Government	16.1	16.8	16.7	4.7	5.0	4.7
All Other Nonmanufacturing	0	0	.1	.3	.3	.2

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington and Scott Counties and Bristol City in Virginia.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS AND URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS,
U. S. CITY AVERAGE (1967=100) UNADJUSTED
FEBRUARY 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS			URBAN WAGE EARNERS & CLERICAL WORKERS		
	Index Feb. 1980	Unadjusted Percent Change to Feb. 1980 from Feb. 1979	Jan. 1980	Index Feb. 1980	Unadjusted Percent Change to Feb. 1980 from Feb. 1979	Jan. 1980
ALL ITEMS	236.4	14.1	1.4	236.5	14.2	1.4
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	274.9	-	-	275.1	-	-
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	238.6	7.3	0.5	239.0	7.4	0.5
HOUSING 1/	250.5	16.2	1.3	250.5	16.3	1.3
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	171.9	6.5	0.5	171.5	6.1	1.0
TRANSPORTATION	239.6	22.5	2.6	240.2	22.5	2.6
MEDICAL CARE	257.9	10.9	1.6	258.7	11.5	1.5
ENTERTAINMENT 1/	197.8	8.0	1.3	196.2	7.6	1.2
OTHER GOODS AND SERV.	208.1	8.4	0.9	207.7	8.2	0.8
SPECIAL GROUPS:						
COMMODITIES	225.2	13.6	1.3	225.3	13.5	1.3
SERVICES	256.8	15.0	1.5	257.3	15.3	1.5
PURCHASING POWER OF THE CONSUMER DOLLAR:						
1967=$1.00	$.423	-12.4	-1.4	$.423	-12.4	-1.4
1957-59=$1.00	$.364	-	-	$.364	-	-

1/ Index series has undergone a change in title and/or definition.

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